(5) Sariska Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan)

- 100 Home Guards and 30 Rajasthan Armed Constabulary personnel deployed in addition to local staff.
- One patrolling squad deployed at HQ. for instant action.
- Tiger Reserve has been closed during the monsoon for the first time.

(6) Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan)

- 150 Home Guards and 55 Rajasthan Armed Constabulary personnel deployed at sensitive places in addition to local staff.
- Tracking report monitored regularly.

Encouraging setting up of FPIs

†1341. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently taken certain steps to encourage setting up of food processing industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken;

(c) the details of the products for which Government are considering to extend economic assistance for their processing; and

(d) whether this assistance is for certain special places (districts) or for all places in general?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Government has already formulated and implemented a Plan Scheme which provides financial assistance for technology upgradation/ establishment/modernization of food processing units in the country. The Scheme is project specific not State/area specific. It covers all segments *viz* fruits & vegetables, milk products, bakery and confectionary products, meat, poultry, fishery, oil seeds, spices, coconut and mushroom. Under

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the Scheme financial assistance is provided @25% of the project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh and Rs. 75 lakh respectively. Recently, in order to give boost to growth of FPI sector the Government has allowed under Income Tax Act, a deduction of 100% of profit for five years and 25% of profit for the next five years in case of new agro processing industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables.

Modernising FPIs

†1342. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps for modernization of Food Processing Industries in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of incentives proposed to be given to different States or non-Governmental entrepreneurs for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Government has already formulated and implemented a scheme for technology upgradation/establishment/modernization of FPI units in the country. Under the scheme financial assistance @25% of the project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% in difficult areas is provided subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh and Rs. 75 lakh respectively. The scheme is project specific not State/area specific. Accordingly assistance is provided to the firms/organizations implementing the projects.

Developing FPIs

1343. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to improper facilities and policy implementation country loses agricultural foodstuffs worth more than Rs.50,000 crores annually;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

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